



Presidents and White Houses of the past have encouraged citizens to debate and discuss issues of the day; it's one of the great strengths of a free and democratic society. Encouraging citizens to take a more active role in the betterment of American society, President Kennedy said, "The efforts of the government alone will never be enough. In the end the people must choose and the people must help themselves." And speaking directly about young people, President Reagan remarked that, "Each generation goes further than the generation preceding it because it stands on the shoulders of that generation. You will have opportunities beyond anything we've ever known."

Young Americans today are the most innovative and creative generation we have ever seen. You have inherited incredible challenges and met them with inspiring solutions. You have used mediums, technologies, and ideas to connect to one another that we could have previously only dreamed about. Back in the day, if you wanted to talk to someone at the White House, you likely would have had to ride your horse up to the front door. Now all you have to do is fill out a web form.

Host a "Roundtable with Young Americans"!



Your Future, Your Solutions: 100 Youth Strategies for Winning the Future
100 Roundtables with Young Americans

TOOLKIT

Thanks for downloading the toolkit! This is your guide to hosting a roundtable, and partnering with President Obama's team between now and the end of May, 2011.

Host a roundtable in your community and if you'd like someone from the Administration to join, let us know when and where your roundtable will be by submitting your information at www.whitehouse.gov/YoungAmericans.

If we can send someone to your roundtable, we'll let you know about 24-48 hours in advance.

If we can't – you can hold the roundtable and send us the feedback and sign-in sheets from this toolkit so that we follow up with you.

Our Youth Team here will read what you send, and we'll be in touch with all of your participants in the coming weeks with invitations to White House conference calls, web chats, and other opportunities to talk with folks all across the Obama Administration on a number of important issues in Washington, DC and in your own community.

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HOW TO HOST A ROUNDTABLE

BEFORE

- Find about 10-15 young folks to meet up – set a date, time, and place, and invite them!
- If you want someone from the Obama Administration to join, fill out the webform at www.whitehouse.gov/YoungAmericans and let us know when and where the event is going on (if we can join, we will)!

DURING

- **Sign in:** Have everyone sign-in
- **Talk:** Get to know each other and talk about issues that are important to you all
- **Challenge:** the group to provide solutions to community problems they identify
- **Share:** the success stories and solutions with us and others around the country.

AFTER

- **Return:** the completed toolkit to us at www.whitehouse.gov/YoungAmericans. That way we can share your concerns and successes with the President's advisors & young people around the country and also keep you in the loop.

AND THEN?

The submissions will be compiled and turned into an e-book, a database of workable, scalable models of success that young leaders can replicate in their own communities, and that the President's Team can highlight. Examples like the young leaders who successfully re-routed a public transit bus line to provide greater access to young people and saved their city money at the same time – taken together, successes like these are the “100 Youth Strategies for Winning the Future.”

AND THEN?

We'll follow up with you and invite you to White House conference calls on issues that matter to you, keep you in the loop with web chats and other events here in Washington, and all around the country.

Roundtable Sign In Sheet

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FEEDBACK MEMO

[INSERT DATE HERE]

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S YOUTH ENGAGEMENT TEAM

FROM: [NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR YOUR ROUNDTABLE]

SUBJECT: ROUNDTABLE WITH YOUNG AMERICANS FROM [INSERT NAME OF YOUR GROUP, ORGANIZATION, OR LOCATION HERE]

Top 3 Issues You Discussed:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What was the issue that you think most needs to be addressed and why?

What is an issue you discussed that folks have successfully helped tackle? What was their plan to tackle it?

Additional Notes/Comments:



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What if I set up a roundtable and no one from the Administration comes?

A: That may happen, depending upon the response we get and the travel schedules of the folks participating. But the completed toolkit you send back will be read by the White House Young Engagement Team, and there will be follow-up with us over the phone, through webchats and potentially in person during future events and meetings.

Q: Where do I send my feedback?

A: You can upload both your attendee list and feedback memo at www.whitehouse.gov/youngamericans. We recommend doing this within a week of your event.